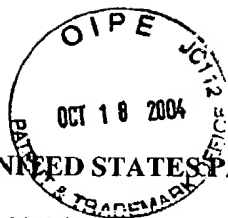


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). The time to respond is thus extended to October 15, 2004. Applicant has included a check in the amount of \$110 as payment of the required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a).

In response to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2004, Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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